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CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

**Contracting Officer's
Determination and Findings**

Authority to Negotiate Contract

The Central Intelligence Agency proposes to enter into a contract with the Lovelace Foundation for Medical Education and Research, Albuquerque, New Mexico, for certain medical, clinical, consulting and administrative support (purchase of supplies, equipment, etc.) type of services in connection with Project AQUATONE in general and the Watertown Site in particular.

I hereby find that this procurement which is designated as Project [] is estimated to cost \$50,000; is chargeable to Fiscal Year 1956 Appropriation No. 21X6889; and is for professional services incident to development and operation of highly technical equipment essential to an experimental, developmental and research program presently under procurement and which will result in operational activities.

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I further find that the proposed contractor is a non-profit organization and will perform the desired work without fee or profit.

I also find that this procurement is in the interest of national defense and that it has been certified by the Director of Central Intelligence, under date of 7 December 1955, to be for objects of a confidential, extraordinary and emergency nature and therefore is within the purview of the procurement authority of the Agency as stated in Section 10(b) of Public Law 110, 81st Congress. Procurement by formal advertising of the work and services called for by the proposed contract, Number M-856, would result in public disclosure of the nature and character of the services as well as their intended purpose and would thereby jeopardize the security classification of the project.

I hereby determine, as Contracting Officer for this contract, that the necessity and authority for negotiation of this contract have been adequately documented by proper Agency authority, and that the proposed contract must necessarily be negotiated without formal advertising.

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